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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I do not think the Government get any revenue whatsoever from these activities. When there is deterioration in the law-abiding character of our people, the Government have to spend some money and we cannot help it."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" மறியல் செய்தவர்கள் அரசியல் அபிப்பிராய பேதத்தால் செய்ததால், இப்போது மறியல் செய்ததற்காக கைது செய்து சிறையில் வைத்திருக்கும் தொண்டர்களை விடுதலை செய்வது பற்றி அரசாங்கம் கவனிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Nobody has been fined or punished in this matter as far as I am aware. There is no reason for any demand for release or anything like that. In this connection nothing very serious has happened."

SRI S. RAMASWAMI NAIDU :—" மறியல் செய்தது காங்கிரஸ் சர்க்கார் கொண்டுவந்தது என்ற காரணத்திற்காகவா அல்லது அரசியல் அபிப்பிராய பேதத்தால் செய்தார்களா என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I agree that there is a tendency to make everything political including even murder."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சுமார் 1,813 பேர் புதிய கல்வித் திட்டத்தை எதிர்த்து மறியல் செய்து கைது செய்யப்பட்டதால், அதிலிருந்து இதற்கு எவ்வளவு எதிர்ப்பு இருக்கிறது என்பதைச் சுலபமாக புரிந்து கொள்ளலாம். இதை மதித்தாவது அரசாங்கம் இப் புதிய கல்வித் திட்டத்தை கைவிட முதல் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சிபார்சு செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The number 1,813 is very insignificant in any movement of this kind in modern times as against a population of three crores."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" கைது செய்யப்பட்டவர்களில் எழுதப் படிக்கத் தெரிந்தவர்கள் எத்தனை பேர் என்பது அரசாங்கத்திற்கு தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If the Members on the opposite side will not take offence, I must say most of them are illiterate."

Activities of the Dravidian Progressive Federation volunteers.

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MR. SPEAKER :—The hon. Member Sri M. P. Subramaniam who has given notice of the question is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many of the Dravidian Progressive Federation volunteers were arrested on 15th July 1953 in connexion with the stopping of trains throughout Tamilnad;

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(*b*) how many trains were stopped on that date and at what places; and

(*c*) from how many of the Dravidian Progressive Federation volunteers, fines were forcibly collected even after they had courted arrest and undergone imprisonment?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) & (*c*) The Government have no information as to how many persons among those who were arrested or who were convicted, were volunteers of the Dravidian Progressive Federation.

" (*b*) The Government consider it against public interest to give particulars as it would encourage such acts of lawlessness."

Stopping of trains, arrests made in connection with.

* 431 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the total number of arrests made on 15th July 1953 in connexion with the stopping of trains?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" Government consider that it is not desirable to disclose the information sought for as to stopping of trains, as an answer to the question is likely to encourage such unlawful activities."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—" What was the object in stopping trains? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" I am sorry I had no discussion with the gentlemen who stopped the trains. But I think it had something to do with the politics of the present Dravidian Progressive Federation."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—" Is it to be inferred from the answer that the agitation was so much that it will not be in the public interest to give the figures asked for? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" The Government consider that the stopping of trains was very unnecessary, and to give figures will encourage more people to do such acts, whatever the object may be, on different occasions. We do not wish to show that we tolerated so many cases of lawlessness."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN:—" May I know whether notice of stopping trains was received by the Government in advance and, if so, why precautionary measures were not taken to avert the tragic effect? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" When a man gives previous notice in his own individual capacity that he would do an act, we can take action. But when there is a general previous notice that such things will take place, we will be guilty of hasty action if we do not give *locus poenitentiae* to those who induced them to do that act."